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SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Did any Minister of this Cabinet take part in this Conference? If so, were not the resolutions passed under the very auspices of the Minister or have they not been forwarded to the Government?"

THE HON. SRI K. RAJARAM :—" The Minister was not present when the resolutions were passed. The resolutions have also not been forwarded to the Government till now."

Awards of Industrial Tribunals.

* 304 Q.—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state the number of awards of Industrial Tribunals that were not implemented in the State in the year 1953?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" 54 awards."

Attachment of paddy crops for arrears of melwaram.

* 305 Q.—SRI S. RAMALINGAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representation from the villagers of Ambalapattu, Pattukottai taluk, Tanjore district, that their paddy crops were attached for arrears of melwaram due to the zamindar by Revenue officials and that the attachment might be cancelled; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (a) A telegram was received from one Sri Murugaiyam representing that Revenue officials attached Kurvai crop for three years' kist arrears in Ambalapattu village in Pattukottai taluk and that attachment should be cancelled.

" (b) A report was called for from the Collector in the matter and pending issue of orders the Collector was informed that attachments made for arrears of rent due from the ryots of the Ambalapattu village should be lifted and attachment should be confined to the arrears of two faslis only. The Collector's report has been received and the matter is under the consideration of the Government."

Prohibition of processions near the Assembly Hall.

* 306 Q.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Commissioner of Police, Madras, has passed an order prohibiting processions and gathering of people in the roads around the Assembly Hall since 26th February 1954; and

(b) if so, the necessity for this order?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM (on behalf of the Hon. the Chief Minister) :—" (a) & (b) Yes, Sir. A statement* is placed on the table of the House."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know, Sir, before the Commissioner of Police passed this Order did he consult the Government? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The Commissioner of Police would have consulted whoever was necessary to be consulted."

SRI S. DEIVASIGAMANY :—" May I know what were the reasons that induced the Commissioner of Police to issue this Order? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There was information to the effect that there were likely to be some demonstrations before the House. To prevent that, orders were passed."

*SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" சட்டசபைக்கு சுற்றுப்புறங்களில் அமைதியை நிலைநாட்டுவது சபாநாயகருடைய பொறுப்பு என்று கருதுகிறேன்."

MR. SPEAKER :—" சட்டசபைக்கு வெளியில் அமைதியை நிலைநாட்டும் பொறுப்பு என்னுடையது அல்ல."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" இந்த சட்டசபைக்கு உள்ளேயும், சுற்றுப்புறங்களிலும் அமைதியை நிலைநாட்டவேண்டிய பொறுப்பு சபா நாயகருக்கே இருப்பது நல்லது. சர்க்கார் தலையிடவேண்டுமென்று சபா நாயகர் கேட்டுக்கொண்டால் மட்டும் உதவி செய்தால் போதும் என்று இருக்க வேண்டும். இல்லாவிட்டால் சர்க்கார் தலையிடக்கூடாது என்பதுதான் என்னுடைய அபிப்பிராயம். இதைச் சர்க்கார் கவனிப்பார்களா ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That will be too much of responsibility for the Speaker, Sir. I do not think even the Speaker will be prepared to undertake that responsibility."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Is it not a fact that by passing such orders often and often, the Commissioner of Police is infringing 10-11 a.m. upon the fundamental rights of the people such as freedom of association, demonstration, etc.? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There is the fundamental right of the hon. Members of this House also to have a peaceful meeting here. That has also got to be protected."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" அங்கத்தினர்கள் அப்படி ஏதாவது அமைதிக்கு பங்கம் ஏற்படுகிறதென்று கனம் மந்திரி அவர்களுக்கு தெரிவித்தார்களா என்று கேட்கிறேன் ? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Even if the hon. Members are not aware of such things, when information reaches the Government, they will have to take action."

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